CALCIGARD

For the use of a Registered Medical Practitioner or a Hospital or a Laboratory Only Abbreviated Prescribing information for Calcigard [Nifedipine I.P 5/10mg Capsules] [Please refer the complete prescribing information available at www.torrentpharma.com]

PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES: Nifedipine is a calcium ion influx inhibitor (slow-channel blocker or calcium ion antagonist) and inhibits the transmembrane influx of calcium ions into cardiac muscle and smooth muscle. It is an antianginal drug and acts by mechanism such as relaxation and prevention of coronary artery spasm and reduction of oxygen utilization.

INDICATION: Indicated for the treatment of **vasospastic Angina**: confirmed by classical pattern of angina at rest accompanied by ST segment elevation, angina or coronary artery spasm provoked by ergonovine or angiographically demonstrated coronary artery spasm and indicated for **Chronic Stable Angina**.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: The starting dose is one 10 mg capsule, swallowed whole, 3 times/day. Doses above 120 mg daily are rarely necessary. More than 180 mg per day is not recommended.

CONTRAINDICATION: In patient with known hypersensitivity reaction to nifedipine.

WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS: Occasional patients have had excessive hypotension, Increased Angina and/or Myocardial Infarction should not be used for the control of essential hypertension, increased angina in a setting of beta blocker withdrawal and nifedipine initiation, congestive heart failure, peripheral edema and significant elevations of enzymes such as alkaline phosphatase, CPK, LDH, SGOT, and SGPT.

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Beta-adrenergic blocking agents, digitalis, quinidine, CYP3A4 inducer and grapefruit juice.

ADVERSE REACTIONS: Dizziness, lightheadedness, giddiness, flushing, heat sensation, headache, weakness, nausea, heart burn, muscle cramps, tremors, nervousness, mood change, palpitation, dysnea, cough, wheezing, nasal congestion, sore throat, shortness of breath, diarrhea, constipation, inflammation, joint stiffness, sleeps disturbances, blurred vision, difficulties in balance, dermatitis, pruritus, urticaria, fever, sweating, chills, sexual difficulties, thrombocytopenia, anemia, leukopenia, purpura, allergic hepatitis, angioedema (mostly oropharyngeal edema with breathing difficulty in a few patients), gingival hyperplasia, paranoid syndrome, tinnitus, nocturia, polyuria, exfoliative dermatitis, gynecomastia and myalgia.

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